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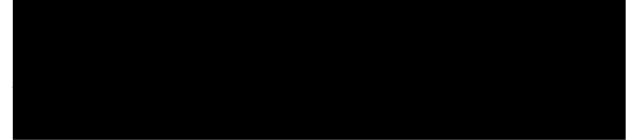
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- In its first attempt to penetrate the Rubber Workers' Union (RWU), the 1. Malayan Communist Party (MCP) in Singapore ordered a strike of rubber workers to take place on or about 1 May 1950 in spite of the fact that the employers agreed five weeks earlier to negotiate. The strike was to be organized in the name of the new underground All-Races All-Trades General Labor Union (GLU).
- The rubber workers have had a real grievance in that some months ago when the price of rubber fell in Singapore the wages of rubber workers were reduced accordingly, but when prices rose again, wages were not adjusted.
- 3。 John A. Brazier, Trade Union Adviser for Singapore and the Federation of Malaya, had persuaded the employers of rubber workers to agree to negotiate regarding wage increases and had so informed the RWU through its president, Sarethy. No demands were presented by the RWU, which indicates that certain members of its committee prevented the presentation of wage demands which they had been informed by Brazler would be met.

25X1X6 Comment. If the MCP succeeds in instigating a strike in which the wage demands of the rubber workers are met, the underground GLU can claim the credit. This technique, which has been used before to discredit legitimate trade unions, especially in 1946 and 1947, invariably increases the membership of underground unions.

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Comment. This office has no information as to whether or not the strike materialized.

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